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H. R. 3978

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase commodities under the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 using State funds.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 1996

Mr. DICKS (for himself, Mr. DE LA GARZA, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. NETHERCUTT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “TEFAP State Partner-
5 ship Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC 2. PURCHASE AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.**
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3 The Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7
4 U.S.C. 612c note) is amended by inserting after 203D the
5 following:

6 **“SEC. 203E. PURCHASE OF COMMODITIES FOR STATE**
7 **SUPPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM.**

8 “(a) The Secretary may enter into an agreement with
9 a State under which State funds are advanced to the Sec-
10 retary for the purpose of—

11 “(1) purchasing commodities of the types typi-
12 cally purchased for distribution under the program
13 authorized under this Act;

14 “(2) processing, packaging, handling, storage,
15 or delivery of commodities purchased under para-
16 graph (1); and

17 “(3) paying for the Secretary’s administrative
18 costs under this subsection.

19 “(b) The State shall distribute commodities pur-
20 chased under subsection (a) only to emergency feeding or-
21 ganizations that have entered into an agreement for par-
22 ticipation in the program authorized by this Act for use
23 in providing food assistance to needy households that meet
24 the eligibility criteria established by the State for the re-
25 ceipt of commodities provided under section 214 of this
26 Act. The Secretary shall establish any additional require-

1 ments associated with the distribution of commodities ob-
2 tained under subsection (a) in accordance with subsection
3 203D(a) of this Act.”.

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